श्री पी. के. थुंगन : सर, एक आर्गनाइजेशन है--बी.एम.आर.टी.पी.सी, जो बिल्डिंग के मेटीरियल को इम्प्रूव करने के लिए रिसर्च करते हैं और यह टेक्नोलोजो बिल्डिंग मेटीरियल को किस तरह से सस्ता और डूरेबिल बना सकता है, उसका भी काम करते हैं।

Also, to encourage the research work and use of alternative timber the excess concessions have been given to some industries so that they can produce wood alternative.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Illegal appointment in Kiruburu and Meghabatuburu Mines run by Bokaro Steel Plant

*262. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the MINISTER OF STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have completed investigations into the series of complaints against illegal appointments made by the senior officers of the Bokaro Steel Plant in its Kiruburu and Meghahatuburu mines during the past three years;

(b) whether the Director Raw Material division has found several administrative lapses and financial irregularities against some of the officers of the Bokaro Steel Plant and its mines;

(c) whether in spite of charges some of these officers have been tipped for higher posts;

(d) whether Government propose to initiate appropriate action against those officers and rescind orders for their further elevation until entire charges are looked into; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The complaints regarding irregularities in appointments at Kiruburu and Meghahatuburu Mines were inquired into by a committee constituted by the Executive Director, RMD|SAIL. The report of the Enquiry Committee has been received by SAIL.

(b) The Enquiry Committee concluded that there were some administrative lapses in the recruitment. However, no financial irregularities were reported.

(c) So far no charges have been framed against any of the executives.

(d) and (e) Having regard to the findings of the Report of the Committee, SAIL has issued show-cause notices to some of the Executives associated with the recruitment process, with a view to determining their liability for disciplinary action. Under he policy of the company, promotion is withheld in case disciplinary action is pending against the concerned Executive. A decision regarding disciplinary action against them will be taken by SAIL Management on an assessment of their replies to the show-cause notices and other factors.

Protection to Pepper Culivators

*266. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to study the extent of damage caused to pepper cultivation in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative what steps Government propose to take to protect the pepper cultivators ?